

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-26 (cancelled).

Claims 27-38 (new).

New Claims 27-38 are set forth commencing on page 4.

Claim 27 (new). A feed metering device for distributing feed or drink, or both, in metered portions to an animal, the feed metering device comprising a feed unit for containing feed or drink, or both, and an entrance opening to said feed unit, a feed supplying device for supplying an amount of feed or drink, or both, to said feed unit, a hinge pin, said feed unit being pivotable about said hinge pin, a weighing device for determining the degree of pivoting of said feed unit about said hinge pin and thereby deducing the weight of said feed or drink, or both, in said feed unit.

Claim 28 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 27 wherein said weighing device comprises a measuring roll which is in contact with said feed unit.

Claim 29 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, wherein said roll is disposed under said hinge pin.

Claim 30 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, wherein the weight of feed or drink, or both, is determined from the degree of rotation of said roll by the weight of said feed or drink, or both, in said feed unit.

Claim 31 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, comprising an animal identification device, said roll being controlled with the aid of data from said animal identification device.

Claim 32 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, wherein said roll is disposed in the vicinity below said entrance opening.

Claim 33 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, comprising a housing which is disposed in the vicinity below said entrance opening, said roll being mounted on said housing.

Claim 34 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 33, which comprises means for frightening an animal away from said feed unit which is mounted on said housing.

Claim 35 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 34, wherein said animal frightening means comprises a loudspeaker.

Claim 36 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 34, wherein said animal frightening means comprises a lighting device.

Claim 37 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, which further comprises a safety support bracket to prevent injury to said feed unit.

Claim 38 (new). A feed metering device for providing feed or drink, or both, to a milk producing animal, the feed metering device comprising a feed unit for containing feed or drink, or both, an entrance opening to said feed unit, a feed supplying device for supplying a ration of feed or drink, or both, to said feed unit wherein it can be consumed directly by a milk producing animal, a horizontally disposed hinge pin, said feed unit being pivotable about said hinge pin, a weighing device for determining the degree of pivoting of said feed unit about said hinge means and thereby deducing the weight of said feed or drink, or both, in said feed unit, an animal identification and entry control means associated with said feed unit, and animal deterring means controlled by said animal identification and entry control means for selectively deterring then ineligible animals from consuming said feed or drink, or both, from said feed unit.